

## AMENDMENT

### In the Claims:

**Please replace present claims 12 and 22 with the following claims 12 and 22:**

*pmtc1*  
*B1*  
12. (Amended) A process for racemising an enantiomer-enriched Schiff base of a primary amide of an amino acid which process comprises contacting said enantiomer-enriched Schiff base with a strong base in an organic solvent,  
wherein said strong base is chemically reactive with water.

*B2*  
22. (Amended) The process of claim 12 wherein said enantiomer-enriched Schiff base has been prepared from the primary amide of the amino acid in said organic solvent.